

## NAME

prepmx – preprocessor for PMX, easy music typesetting program

## SYNOPSIS

**prepmx** [*options*] *jobname* [*outdir/*] [*stylefile*]

## DESCRIPTION

**M-Tx** is an easy to use preprocessor language for the **PMX** music typesetting program, aimed at people who are not experts. For an easy example, have a look at the following example:

```
c2+    e4  g  | b4d- c1 d c2    |
c8 g+ e g c- g+ e g | d g f g   c- g+ e g |
```

For syntax reference, please look at the M-Tx manual written by Dirk Laurie, the creator of the M-Tx language and the author of **prepmx**(1), its command-line utility.

**prepmx** processes the file *jobname.mtx* to generate *jobname.pmx*. You can then process this file using the **pmxab**(1) command, which is a preprocessor for MusiXTeX.

*outdir/* is the directory where ‘pmx’ will put the final .tex file. Note that the trailing slash is mandatory. You can provide a *stylefile* for M-Tx. If omitted, the file ‘mtxstyle.txt’ in the current directory is used, if there is one.

## OPTIONS

Options can also be specified in a ‘Options:’ line in the preamble, which takes precedence over the command line.

- b**      disable unbeamVocal
- c**      disable doChords
- D**      enable debugMode
- f**      enable solfaNoteNames
- i**      enable ignoreErrors
- m**      disable doLyrics
- n**      enable instrumentNames
- t**      disable doUptext
- u**      disable uptextOnRests
- v**      enable beVerbose
- w**      enable pedanticWarnings
- n**      select Special Case *n*
- H**      print enabled status of all options

## EXIT STATUS

If no error was found, **prepmx** exits with return code 0. In case of an error, the line number of the processed line is returned. This may not always be the line containing the actual error. A return status of 10000 means that the input file was empty or could not be opened.

## SEE ALSO

**M-Tx** User’s Guide (mtxdoc.pdf)  
pmxab(1), musixtex(1)

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